

are 34 Agreement States regulating approximately 80% of national total of radioactive material licenses. Pennsylvania and Virginia are actively working toward becoming Agreement States.

NRC's Oversight Responsibility of Agreement State Programs

Under Section 274 of the AEA, NRC has programmatic responsibility to periodically review the actions of the Agreement States to comply with the requirements of the AEA to continue to maintain adequate and compatible programs. While this authority is reserved to the NRC, the current review process under the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) is conducted with State staff participation under the National Materials Program.

The focus of the National Materials Program is the shared program activities between NRC and Agreement States and ability of Agreement States to assume a greater proportional responsibility for the shared program activities. The scope of the National Materials Program covers AEA materials, which are currently regulated by NRC and Agreement States. It will be